Category 1 Materials

These are the materials that the EU considers to present the greatest risk of introducing disease through animal products. These materials may not be exported to the EU under most circumstances. If an exporter wishes to export Category 1 Materials to the EU, he should be advised to have his importer contact the Ministry of Animal Health in the specific importing country to obtain an import permit (ask for an exception to the rule banning the import).

These are animal by-products of the following descriptions, or any material containing such by-products 1.1-1.7 below.

1.1 All body parts including hides and skins of the following animals:

- animals suspected or confirmed of being infected with a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), or killed as part of a TSE eradication measure;
- animals **other than farmed and wild animals, in particular**, pet animals, zoo animals and circus animals;
- experimental animals (as defined by the following EU regulation: in 86/609/EEC); and
- wild animals infected with a zoonotic disease (any disease or infection which is naturally transmissible from animals to humans).

1.2 **Specified risk materials** (**SRMs**)- as defined by the EU.

1.3 Products derived from animals-administered substances prohibited under the EU Council Directive 96/22/EC of April 29, 1996. **(These materials, although technically Category one, may be included in pet food and pet food precursors exported to the EU for the production of pet food.)** These prohibited products include any substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic, or gestational action, and beta-agonists, with the following exceptions:

- Oestradiol 17 a, testosterone, progesterone, and derivatives that readily yield the parent compound after absorption at the site of application, administered for therapeutic purposes to farm animals, under veterinarian supervision, and not by implant;
- Allyl trenbolone, administered orally, or beta-agonists to equidae and pets;
- Beta-agonists, administered injectably, to induce tocolysis in cows;
- For the purpose of zootechnical treatment (reproduction), veterinary medicinal products having oestrogenic, androgenic, or gestagenic action.

1.4 Products containing residues exceeding permitted levels (levels laid down by community legislation or, in the absence thereof, by national legislation) of substances prohibited under Group B (3) of Annex I to Council Directive 96/23/EC. These substances include:

- Organochlorine compounds including PCBs
- Organophosphorus compounds
- Chemical elements
- Mycotoxins
- Dyes
- Others, including unlicensed substances that could be used for veterinary purposes

1.5 Catering waste from international transport;

1.6 Category 2 or Category 3 materials mixed with Category 1 materials; - whenever more than one Category material is mixed, all the material becomes the lowest numbered category e.g., mix Category 3 and Category 1 material = Category 1 material; and

1.7 All animal material collected from the treatment of waste water from Category 1 processing plants or SRM removal plants.